Ottawa, Jan. 2, 1915

the Deputy Superintendent General:-

With reference to your enquiry hereunder, I beg to state that the bulk of the reserves in Treaty No.3 were surveyed prior to 1877; a few more were surveyed in 1884; three small changes were made in 1890; therefore, a very great length of time has elapsed since the boundaries of these reserves were marked on the ground and consequently through the lapse of time only they will have become practically obliterated except when retraced by an expert and where fire has occurred they are of course obliterated entirely.

Mr. Agent Wright and more especially Mr. Agent McKenzie complained from time to time and Mr. McKenzie on three consecutive years that he was utterly unable to find the boundaries of any of the reserves in his agency that he felt satisfied that timber trespasses were being committed and that he could not take any action in that matter unless the lines were retraced and posted in order that they might be readily found.

As above stated on account of the lapse of time, etc., the request was considered to be a very reasonable one and it was decided toretrace the boundaries of all the reserves in Treaty No. 3. This work has been going for three years; it is now nearing completion.

Chief Surveyor.

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